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Sahaj Cheema will host a group that facilitates tea with strangers, launching soon in Toronto. EDUARDO LIMA/METRO

Family's $12M lawsuit alleges racial profiling

PEEL REGIONAL POLICE

Jermaine Carby killed in 2012 after traffic stop

Two years after Jermaine Carby was fatally shot by police following a traffic stop in Brampton, his family has filed a $12-million lawsuit alleging racial profiling, claiming Peel Regional Police service's practice of "carding" has disproportionately targeted racialized people, especially young black men.

In a statement of claim filed Tuesday against the Peel Regional Police Services Board, Chief Jennifer Evans and seven Peel officers, Carby's family alleges he was racially profiled and subjected to an unlawful "street check" by police on the night of his death, setting off a fatal chain of events.

Far from an isolated incident, the Carby case was "just one example of a systematic and coordinated policy and practice employed by (Peel Police)," at the direction of Evans and the Peel police board, according to the statement of claim. "In this case, the unlawful street check led to a confrontation which ended when Mr. Carby was shot and killed," the lawsuit, prepared by Toronto lawyer Davin Charney, alleges.

Carby's family also claims police failed to employ de-escalation techniques to avoid a dangerous confrontation with a man they knew was suffering from a serious mental health issue.

Lorna Robinson, Carby's mother, is seeking compensation for psychological injuries including depression, anxiety and nervous shock. "It's affected me a whole lot, as well as my family, and we deserve compensation," Robinson said. "We miss him."

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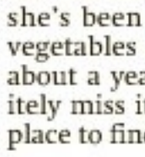

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The future of a Leslieville farmers market being uprooted to make room for a new development is uncertain, as organizers' quest to find a new home is getting bogged down in red tape.

James Forsythe of Forsythe Family Farms has been running the market in a parking lot beside a gym at 899 Queen St. E on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons for the past two summers, but this will be his last week.

He said the developer, The Daniels Corporation, gave him plenty of notice, but it's been "tough" to find a new spot.

"People are pretty upset about it, especially my regulars as they've been coming twice a week," he said.

Faye Walters, out at the market Tuesday afternoon, said she's been buying fruit and vegetables at the market for about a year and will "definitely miss it" as a convenient place to find fresh, local food.

The closure of James Forsythe's farmers' market will leave residents with one less source for fresh, local produce. EDUARDO LIMA/METRO

Daniels Corporation spokesperson Megan Aird said a six-storey "boutique residence" is planned for the lot, and suggested nearby Regent Park as a possible option for the Forsythe farmers market.

According to data from the city, 25 new farmers' markets have sprouted up in Toronto since 2006, bringing the total number in the city to 35.

Earlier this month, Coun. Mary Fragedakis put forward a motion to establish a working group to look at ways to streamline the process of running farmers' markets.

It's something Forsythe said is needed.

Several customers have suggested lots beside coffee shops or restaurants, but none of the private facilities work because lease agreements prevent them from selling outside food on the premises, he said.

"It'd be great to set up in a park but you have to jump through so many hoops," he said. "It's just a ton of work."

WITH FILES FROM EDUARDO LIMA

Bike licensing study deflates

The wheels have come off a plan to study licensing Toronto's bicycles.

The public works and infrastructure committee voted 4 to 1 on Tuesday to defer the issue indefinitely, effectively killing off the proposal.

Councillor Stephen Holyday, who authored the bike licensing motion and was the lone vote in favour, said he was surprised the decision was so one-sided. Public opinion polls suggest there is sizable support for compelling cyclists to get a licence for their rides.

Holyday (Ward 3, Etobicoke Centre) said in an interview that he had never been dead-set on implementing licensing, but he wanted a report on the issue so that council could make an informed decision.

"But we won't ever hear about what that could be because the report's been muzzled," he said.

Holyday was one of only two councillors who voted against the city's new 10-year cycling-network plan in June, and also opposed a pilot project of separated bike lanes on Bloor St.

But he rejected the idea that his licensing proposal was "an attack on cyclists." He told the committee on Tuesday that "the last thing I'd want to do is deter people from cycling in this city."

Holyday first put forward the licensing motion in July, but it failed to get the support of two-thirds of councillors that it needed to get on that month's council agenda. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

WEATHER

Toronto's temperatures won't fall any time soon, expert says

Tara Deschamps
For Metro | Toronto

One of the hottest summers on record in Toronto may have ended, but its above-seasonal temperatures are sticking around.

Meteorologists are predicting a warmer fall and December than usual, after an August with scorching temperatures in Toronto that exceeded previous years.

"If people were concerned that after the way the summer went, we are somehow going to pay for it, there doesn't seem to be anything to indicate that," said Geoff Coulson, a meteorologist at Environment Canada. "Right now, the forecast for October and November is far warmer than usual conditions."

He predicts the first week of October will reach 18 C or 19 C, about three degrees above average.

But don't think that means you won't have to pull out your snow brush or winter boots later in the year.

"In November, even having said that it could be warmer than usual, we could get some snow," Coulson told Metro.

He noted about seven or eight centimetres typically fall during that month and that December averages about 25 centimetres.

For at least a few more weeks though, he thinks Torontonians will be able to enjoy a reprieve because of a slower transition to winter.

"In terms of anything long lasting or chilly for a long time, there is nothing showing up in the forecast for the next few weeks," he said.

EXTREME HEAT

Cooling centres could open earlier next year

For next year, city staff are recommending council request cooling centres be opened on the first day of a heat warning as opposed to the third day. The move would cost $30,000 more each year and will be considered by the board of health Friday.

A man soaks up some sun next to Lake Ontario last week. The fall forecast is shaping up to be warmer than usual. EDUARDO LIMA/METRO

Deborah, 22, moved into Eva's Ordnance building in 2013 after her mother suffered a mental breakdown. She credits Eva's for helping her get her life back on track. BERNARD WEIL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Shelter for youth reborn downtown

COMMUNITY

Eva's Phoenix in new location, offers housing, training

Eva's, an organization dedicated to helping youth get back on their feet, is opening a new transitional housing and employment training facility today.

It took an $11.6 million campaign to get to this point after its original city-owned site in Liberty Village was sold for condos in 2012.

The new Eva's Phoenix is located in a former city waterworks building at the corner of Brant Street and Richmond Street West in Toronto's Fashion District.

The city donated the building and $5 million towards renovation costs, while lead building partner Home Depot Canada Foundation contributed $1 million. The agency is just $1.4 million short of its fundraising goal.

The facility's unique design by LGA Architectural Partners is modeled from the original site which opened in 2000. It includes 10 townhouse-style living quarters with private bedrooms and shared common space that open onto a bright three-storey atrium.

There is a community kitchen, computer lab, classroom and counselling space as well as Eva's Phoenix Print Shop, a print and graphic design social enterprise business that provides training for homeless youth.

"It's basically a transplant of our Ordnance Street program, but updated," said Alanna Scott, director of development and campaigns for Eva's Initiatives, earlier this month.

> **It was my port in the storm.**
> Deborah, ex-resident

Eva's also runs two emergency shelters for homeless youth between the ages of 16 and 24.

At least 10,000 youth are homeless in Toronto every year,.

Eva's Phoenix helps 50 of them who are ready to move into more permanent housing, participate in job training and receive education and life skills support. The non-residential component serves 150 homeless youth every year.

Youth living in the building are expected to work and one-third of all their earnings are held in the agency's "bank" to be returned when they leave, Scott says.

Deborah, 22, moved into Eva's Ordnance St. building in February 2013 after her single mother suffered a mental breakdown.

Deborah, who didn't want her full name published, received psychotherapy and completed a 12-week printing and graphic arts course. Housing counsellors helped her find a bachelor apartment. Eva's staff continue to support Deborah in the community as she plans to returns to university to pursue a career in the sciences.

"Eva's was a calm, safe environment in a good location," she says. "It was my port in the storm where I could get the guidance and mental health help I needed." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

BULLYING

'Mean girls' alive and kicking

According to the Toronto Catholic District School Board's latest safe schools report, girl-on-girl bullying is still an issue, despite years of anti-bullying programs.

In 2015-2016, there were 196 suspensions among elementary school girls, says the report, presented at a Catholic board meeting last week. That's 38 more than in the 2014-2015 school year and 68 more than the previous year.

School days lost to suspension among those girls increased by 96 days to 411 days. While boys receive a significantly higher number of suspensions — 785 last year and 1,787 days lost to suspension — those numbers were down from a year earlier.

The number of girls suspended more than once last year also increased by 29 from 2014-2015, and notices of suspensions climbed for the third straight year, up by 63 to 262. While some of those did not result in actual suspensions, they may be red flags for worrying behaviour.

In the context of 60,000 elementary school students in the Catholic board, of whom roughly half are female, "it's not huge but it's a concern," said Vincent Burzotta, superintendent of safe schools.

Significantly more girls than boys at both elementary and secondary levels said they had experienced or witnessed bullying.

Girls reported more incidents of social or online bullying, which are more difficult for adults to notice and monitor, while boys reported higher levels of physical bullying.

"This year has reinforced the notion that girls are becoming more aggressive," said Burzotta. "We've seen that they are engaging more in social, verbal and exclusionary behaviours."

He said teachers are now armed with more information and strategies on "how to identify mean girls." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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From left: International Development and Relief Foundation members Farheen Khan, Leanne Saldanha, Jessica Ferne and Hamid Khan are among the organizers of the Dignity Tour campaign, which starts Friday in Toronto. COURTESY ALEX HORI

THE DIGNITY TOUR

Muslim youth strive for a more accessible Toronto

Gilbert Ngabo
Metro | Toronto

The challenges of living with disabilities have no religious boundaries.

That's why a Toronto group is looking to engage Muslims millennials across the country on how they can help bring down barriers so everyone can live with dignity.

Their campaign, dubbed the Dignity Tour, starts Friday in Toronto before moving to other cities. Organized by the International Development and Relief Foundation, the tour will bring together young Muslims and social activists to tackle disability rights and education.

Participants will hear from speakers like Luke Anderson of the Stop Gap Foundation, which provides accessible ramps to local businesses, and Fatema Dada of SMILE Canada, which assists children with disabilities.

"We really want to engage individuals and young Muslims on what it means to provide support to some of the world's most vulnerable people," said Farheen Khan, IDRF director of fund development and external affairs.

The charity, which touts itself as promoting human dignity and social justice based on Islamic principles, runs over 20 projects across the globe, including a school in Pakistan offering sign language skills to children with hearing disabilities.

Apart from physical disabilities, the campaign wants to take the discussion further to address other barriers to human dignity, including poverty, women's rights and food security.

The Toronto event, followed by others in Vancouver, Calgary and Ottawa, will serve as a prelude to next year's Dignity Walk taking place in May in different Canadian cities.

"We all need to walk with dignity," said Khan. "This is about giving young Muslims and other people in general the opportunity to show their commitment to help those less fortunate in our communities."

Make new friends over a cup of tea

MEET UP

Tea with Strangers a way to meet, chat with new faces

Tara Deschamps
For Metro | Toronto

A couple of clicks and a cup of tea will soon be all it takes for Torontonians to get some new friendships brewing.

A U.S. program offering the chance to meet local strangers for a conversation over a cuppa has announced it's launching in the city.

Sahaj Cheema, a Yorkville product manager, signed up for Tea with Strangers after stumbling across the program online.

"It feels like a social experiment, but I am looking forward to it because if I talk to people who I wouldn't usually meet it will help me see things from a new perspective," she said.

She doesn't know when her first tea time will be because the organization hasn't announced a date for its inaugural Toronto meet-up.

However, founder Ankit Shah says participants can expect to join a group of five or six people — typically millennials, though there have been participants of all ages and profession — who only know each other's name in advance.

The model already exists in 15 locations, including Nairobi, New York, Chicago and Boston. Toronto will be its Canadian debut because Shah says "it was one of the cities that seemed to have the most interest."

Shah came up with the idea in 2013, as a way to meet fellow students at his university. It took off on campus, and Tea with Strangers was born.

Got time for a tea party? Sahaj Cheema has signed up for Tea with Strangers, a new program launching in Toronto that helps people connect over a cup. EDUARDO LIMA/METRO

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> Sahaj Cheema

So why tea?

"Getting a drink can come with different connotations like romance and dating," Shah said. "Dinner is a heavy ask and is usually not what you do with someone you don't know."

Coffee typically involves catching up with friends or networking, but tea doesn't have a stereotype, so he settled on it.

To date, he's enjoyed cups with about 2,000 strangers and is proud to say some participants have made lifelong friends and connected to people who could not have crossed their paths.

Torontonians looking to participate can sign up at teawithstrangers.com.

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Tiny town hoping for a Trump bump

MANITOBA

Unlike Donald, Lynn Lake wants foreigners to take their jobs

Braeden Jones
Metro | Winnipeg

Lynn Lake, Man., is hoping Americans down in the Trumps may want to move north. CONTRIBUTED

Americans planning to flee the United States after the presidential election now have an earnest invitation to relocate north — far north to Lynn Lake, Man.

After presidential hopefuls Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton traded barbs in a highly publicized debate Monday night, the little town about 1,000 kilometres north of Winnipeg dropped the mic.

"We may have a place for you here," read the tweet from the Town of Lynn Lake's official Twitter account on Tuesday morning.

And, according to the town's chief administrative officer "it's completely serious."

"Granted, there is some tongue-in-cheekedness, but it's completely serious actually," said Ric Stryde. "We have an absolute lack of certified, red-seal tradespeople in town and we have a lot to offer."

He explained that in terms of quality of life and access to the great outdoors, Lynn Lake is hard to match. But the seriousness of the appeal does come from a legitimate need for skilled tradespeople.

The town office had around a dozen "Make Lynn Lake Great Again" hats made to borrow Donald Trump's catchy slogan and embody the idea that, with an influx of people, the town could be revitalized.

Scent help, quick!

Rebecca Williams
Metro | Toronto

Mike McMilan is one brave man.

He may not have risked his life to save someone else's, but he did gamble the state of his best suit — never mind his own scent.

On the way to a meeting with the mayor of Orillia, Ont., McMillan spotted a helpless skunk with its head trapped in a Coke can. Although his first thought was to keep driving, he stopped when he saw the little guy almost get hit by another passing car.

"I couldn't leave the animal like that," he told the Washington Post.

Of course, footage had to be captured for bragging rights down the road, or proof the reason you smell like a skunk had admirable intentions.

The trapped critter YOUTUBE

After a bit of back-and-forth tugging, the skunk frees his head from the can.

Perhaps thankful for being released from his tin prison, the animal skitters down the road leaving McMilan, and his suit, skunk-scent free.

Visit metronews.ca to see the full video.

IN BRIEF

Vaping laws on the way
The Liberal government says it will introduce legislation this fall to regulate vaping.

Health Canada says the move will balance the need to protect young people from nicotine addiction while allowing adult smokers to legally buy vaping products and e-cigarettes to help quit smoking or as a potentially less harmful alternative to tobacco. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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‘Hateful, spiteful language’

U.S. ELECTION

Women say sexism was on clear display during debate

When Donald Trump challenged Hillary Clinton’s stamina on the debate stage, Pennsylvania voter Patricia Bennett said she heard a “dog whistle” that smacked of unmistakable sexism.

“Why doesn’t he just say that she needs more testosterone?” said Bennett, who plans to vote for Clinton in November.

Across the country, Lisa Lowe, who was lukewarm about Clinton before Monday’s debate, said Trump behaved like a “negative bully.” Kris Stotler, an undecided Virginia Republican, was disappointed by Trump’s jarring criticism of a former beauty queen’s weight, which Clinton condemned during the faceoff.

“It’s incredibly distasteful, and it doesn’t stop,” Stotler said of Trump. “Even if you thought that, why would you say that?”

Bennett, Lowe and Stotler were among two dozen female voters from battleground states who publicly expressed concerns about Trump’s critical and often demeaning comments about women, as well as his approach toward Clinton in the debate.

After Monday’s debate, Clinton’s team believes it has all the ammunition it needs to rally women in the campaign’s closing weeks. That’s due in part to strong execution by Clinton, who arrived at the debate armed with numerous past statements Trump has made about women. She was particularly assertive in calling him out for once labeling 1996 Miss Universe winner Alicia Machado “Miss Piggy” after she gained weight.

But Trump also did himself few favours. He interrupted Clinton repeatedly during the debate, at times leaning into his microphone to declare “wrong!” as she was talking. And he perplexingly stood by his criticism of Machado the morning after the debate, saying in an interview on Fox News Channel that Machado was one of the “worst we ever had” in the beauty contest he used to own.

“She gained a massive amount of weight,” Trump said. “It was a real problem. We had a real problem.”

Clinton’s campaign quickly lined up Machado for a conference call with reporters. The Venezuelan-born Machado, now a U.S. citizen, said she hoped her story would “open eyes” about Trump in the election.

Debby Bower, a 41-year-old Democrat who lives in the Denver suburbs, said Trump’s taunting of the former beauty queen was “painful to my soul.”

“It hurts my heart when I hear the hateful, spiteful language that Mr. Trump uses,” Bower said.

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Donald Trump sneers during his debate with Hillary Clinton on Monday night. Former Miss Universe winner Alicia Machado, once called “Miss Piggy” by Trump because of her weight, campaigns for Clinton in Miami in August. GETTY IMAGES

> **Even if you thought that, why would you say that?**
> Kris Stotler

Trump: I meant to do that

Donald Trump says he was holding back during his debate against Hillary Clinton because he didn’t want to embarrass her.

The Republican presidential nominee addressed Monday night’s debate at length for the first time publicly during a Tuesday evening rally in Melbourne, Fla. He was on his heels for much of the night, but proclaimed victory on Tuesday as he faced rowdy supporters in an airport hangar.

Trump said that Clinton was “stuck in the past” during the debate. He said she defended “the horrible status quo” for the 90-minute debate-stage clash.

He added, “I was also holding back — I didn’t want to do anything to embarrass her.”

He previously said he held back to avoid embarrassing the Clintons’ daughter, Chelsea, who also was in the debate audience.

Trump’s team said he was planning to bring up Bill Clinton’s infidelities during the debate, but changed his mind.

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Airlines facing baggage fees lawsuit

CHECKED BAGGAGE

Proposed class action targets Air Canada, WestJet

Air Canada and WestJet are facing a potential class action lawsuit after imposing checked baggage fees only days apart.

The proposed class action alleges that the two airlines colluded to impose the fees and have unjustly enriched themselves in the process.

"I just thought it was so wrong, what the airline companies were doing," said Lorne Hodel, the lead plaintiff.

The statement of claim, filed in the Court of Queen's Bench for Saskatchewan, says WestJet announced a $25 baggage fee on Sept. 15, 2014, and Air Canada followed suit on Sept. 18.

The claim alleges it would have been "impossible" for Air Canada to be ready to implement the fees only days after WestJet, indicating collusion.

Tony Merchant, the class action lawyer who filed the claim, said the airlines charged more, without providing extra services. "What new did I get for the extra 25 dollars? Well I got nothing new for the 25 dollars. That's known as unjust enrichment," said Merchant.

Air Canada and WestJet declined to comment because the matter is before the courts.

Karl Moore, an aviation expert at McGill University, found the collusion allegations far fetched. He said both airlines had already been thinking about adding the baggage fees.

The proposed class action, which has yet to be certified, seeks to have baggage fees refunded along with other damages. THE CANADIAN PRESS

A proposed class action statement of claim alleges it would have been "impossible" for Air Canada to be ready to implement the baggage fees only days after WestJet. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

How much would you pay to punch this face?

People who have mentioned that they'd like to punch Martin Shkreli in the face may finally have their chance. The former Turing Pharmaceuticals CEO tweeted out Monday that he's auctioning off the right to "one slap/punch in the face to benefit my friend Mike who passed away & leaves behind a young son who survived cancer." Shkreli came under fire after he jacked up the price of a life-saving AIDS drug by over 5,000 per cent, up to $750 US a pill. REBECCA WILLIAMS/METRO

IN BRIEF

Ottawa approves LNG

The federal government gave conditional approval Tuesday to the massive Pacific NorthWest LNG project planned for British Columbia's northwest coast. Environment Minister Catherine McKenna, Natural Resources Minister Jim Carr and Fisheries Minister Dominic LeBlanc travelled to Richmond, B.C., to announce their acceptance of what is expected to be one of the largest infrastructure investments in Canadian history. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Amazon ups ante with same-day free shipping

Amazon announced Tuesday it will offer free same-day shipping, seven days a week, to customers with Prime memberships in Toronto and Vancouver who order more than $25 worth of merchandise. The announcement was made a week after the online retailer increased its free-shipping minimum to non-members to $35. The service was made available to Amazon Prime subscribers in the U.S. about a year ago. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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ROSEMARY WESTWOOD ON THE ABORTION PILL

Why can't we figure out how to provide a necessity to women?

Health Canada has royally botched the handling of a drug key to women's health, and fundamental to their rights, yet again.

But it's only the latest, appalling proof of our sexist, laissez-faire commitment to abortion access.

After taking an incredible 27 years (nearly my lifetime) to approve the abortion pill known as Mifegymiso — and a full 16 years longer than the United States, itself no bastion of abortion rights — Canadians can finally, finally, expect to access the drug early next year.

But it will not be covered by most health plans. In fact, none, except Quebec's, will foot the $300 bill.

To put it into context: On the day Elon Musk announced interplanetary travel "within ten years," Health Canada admits it can't even cover a simple abortion treatment that is already in use in 60 countries around the world and deemed by the World Health Organization to be an essential medicine. Musk is going to send you to Mars, but Health Canada can't figure out how provide the decades-old and long-proven abortion pill within our own borders.

This time, as always, the ministry has an excuse. And, unsurprisingly, it blames a drug company. Celopharma Inc., which will distribute Mifegymiso, has said it can't pay the $72,000 fee for the Common Drug Review, a mandatory requirement for acceptance to provincial health care plans in English Canada. Thus, Ottawa claims its hands are tied.

They are not.

Quebec does such a review for free. Not only that — it's already home to nearly half of this county's abortion clinics. Think about that. A quarter of Canadian women already have access to half the nation's abortion clinics, and they'll be the only ones able to access the abortion pill under their provincial health care.

It seems clear that French-speaking Canada cares far, far more about reproductive rights than the rest of us.

Health Canada's excuse would be more believable if it hadn't already imposed a series of rules around the abortion pill that doctors have warned could prove prohibitive. The ministry has required doctors to be trained to prescribe the pill, has suggested doctors should physically oversee the first step of administration, and has required doctors themselves to sell the pill.

Even B.C.'s Health Minister called the totality of these rules "onerous" and a risk to patient safety, as reported by the Globe and Mail, which broke the latest news of the $300 price tag.

A Globe editorial called the entire debacle "paternalistic." Dr. Wendy Norman, the Canadian Institutes of Health Research chair in family planning, has dubbed the rules "demeaning."

Without question, they are sexist.

But then, so is the history of abortion access here.

Only this year has P.E.I. been forced to offer abortions in-province through a lawsuit. Only last year did New Brunswick stop forcing women to get two doctors' approval before seeking an abortion. In medical schools across the country, abortion is nearly absent. It's not even mentioned in mandatory lectures at one-third of schools, and there's no standardized curriculum.

That is an outlandish state of affairs given how common abortions are: Nearly one-third of Canadian women have had at least one abortion, according to Norman's own research.

Let's repeat: We have a physician-training system that ignores one of the most unifying procedures in Canadian women's lives. And like all discrimination, this country's sexist abortion laws hurt the remote and less wealthy the most.

Those outside our major urban centres have a much lesser chance of finding an abortion clinic nearby. Those on low incomes will be far less likely to afford the $300 charge. And the situation is only getting worse. In recent years, there's been a "substantial decline" in the number of rural abortion providers, Norman's research has found.

All of this is not the problem of Celopharma Inc. — it's Health Canada's. The pharmaceutical industry doesn't have a duty to protect the rights of Canadian women, and to offer fair and unhindered access to basic health care. Health Canada does.

And Justin Trudeau — who took so much heat and won so much praise for requiring a pro-choice stance within his party — should put our money where his mouth is.

He should demand Health Canada that find a work-around to the review problem.

He should demand better access to abortion clinics for women who would chose them.

Doesn't matter what he calls himself — Trudeau's no feminist unless he does.

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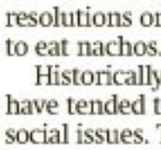
The personal has gotten political for black athletes



Vicky Mochama
For Metro

We're now through Week 3 of the NFL's regular season, and Colin Kaepernick is still sitting out.

Players from around the NFL have joined the San Francisco 49ers backup quarterback in boycotting the national anthem to protest unpunished police killings.

And on Monday Raptors star DeMar DeRozan and his teammates promised that they, too, plan to speak out against police brutality.

We're witnessing a meeting of politics and sports not seen since the civil rights era.

Some would prefer for sports to stay apolitical. I get it. Spending an entire Sunday watching impossibly large men hit each other for points is my idea of heaven. As an escape from life, football is perfect: there's a winner and a loser and there's a story. Real life doesn't have as many clean resolutions or as many reasons to eat nachos.

Historically, black athletes have tended to stay quiet on social issues. The major exception is the 1960s, when Mohammed Ali could be seen on TV saying, "We black people, as a whole, are at war, we'll say, with the white power structure."

It didn't last. The '80s and '90's were the glory days of see-no-evil-hear-on-evil in pro sports. It wasn't that the athletes stopped caring; it was, in part, because the economic stakes rose. As TV rights, product endorsements and free agency fattened and diversified athletes' incomes, there arose a host of potential conflicts of interest that didn't used to be there. Hence Michael Jordan, the quintessential '80-'90s athlete, saying, "Republicans buy sneakers too." To a community accustomed to poverty, getting rich looks confusingly similar to getting free.

But lately politics have come back to sports. The Kaepernick protest and DeRozan announcement represent the culmination of a trend that had been building in recent years, especially in the NBA, which kicked out Donald Sterling for racist comments and pulled the All-Star game from Charlotte over North Carolina's trans-phobic law.

The culture seems to be realizing anew that sports *are* real life. In many cities with pro teams, black communities face racist policing. These are often the same police that guard the stadiums. After Bay Area police threatened not work games for Kaepernick's 49ers, Miami police suggested they would not protect Dolphins players who protested. How can black players leave politics at home even when it literally follows them to work?

For black players, racial politics is built into the game. Sponsors who use their images are discomfited by the sounds of their voices. Their bodies and their rights might not be protected by those tasked to do so, because they used the former to exercise the latter.

A black pro athlete is like the first guest at a party: both a winner and a loser.

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Lawren Harris' painting Mountain Forms expected to fetch $3-$5 million at auction in November

FIGHTING FAKE FOOD SCIENCE WITH MEMES

Anti-science giants of the Internet like "Food Babe" Vani Hari would have you believe that genetically modified foods are unsafe and dangerous "chemicals" are lurking everywhere. But a group of bloggers and science champions are, sometimes patiently and sometimes with some serious sass, acting as foot soldiers in the fight against food fads that have no basis in fact. **And they're turning their enemies' weapon of choice — social media — against them.** GENNA BUCK/METRO

PRO-SCIENCE MAMA
facebook.com/ProScienceMama

Who's behind it: This prolific meme-maker wants to remain behind her cat avatar, but said she's "an artisan from Finland."

What's your goal?
Education. Many people have told me that they have learned from the things I share, or changed their minds. I want to show people that not all young moms these days turn into anti-vax, modern-medicine-denying, wasting-money-on-organic-food hippies.

I am a mom, I have concerns about my kid as any other parent, but I do know that mommy instincts and gut feelings do not outweigh scientific evidence and reason.

What misinformation makes you the maddest?
I find the most frustrating topics are the ones that have been debunked time and time again, and yet people still keep repeating the same nonsense. The amount of misinformation and lies promoted by alternative health and lifestyle advocates is astonishing. I haven't had a day without a face-palm moment in a while.

What particular food myths do you want to debunk?
Anything considering organic food. Many people still believe that organic food is somehow healthier, more nutritious, pesticide-free, etc. Those are nice fairy tales, but not reality.

What have you learned about how to make debunking work?
It's often impossible to argue with people from the anti-vax or anti-GMO movements because they live so deep in their conspiracy-filled, paranoid world. But it is possible to reach other people who are not so fixed on their ideas. I find it important to keep a cool head. And always back up your claims with sources.

DIET VS. DISEASE
dietvsdisease.org

Who's behind it: Joe Leech, a dietitian from Sydney, Australia, who also makes videos for AuthorityNutrition.com.

What kind of anti-science misinformation infuriates you the most?
Definitely natural cancer "cures" that so many large websites with big followings are sharing. And then there's the anti-GMO movement. There's nothing to suggest GMOs are unsafe, and it's the only way we can create enough food to feed the world.

What food myths would you like to see banished?
Anything manipulative that preys on people's insecurities: It's unethical. Detox products, weight loss pills, strange diets (like the blood type diet and alkaline diet) and lemon water. There are so many stories of people following natural remedies instead of medicine and ending up worse off, or dead.

What have you learned since starting this site?
I've learned that humour works best, or being incredibly helpful and informative. Or better yet, both.

Do you feel that consumers are getting more savvy and science literate?
They're definitely asking more questions.

Do you have a hope of being heard over anti-science heavyweights like the Food Babe?
Absolutely. We can and will compete, it's just a gradual process. We need to observe and understand what those heavyweights do so well. Because that's where scientists have always been lacking, and is the reason pseudo-science has such a strong foothold on social (media).

SCIBABE
scibabe.com

Who's behind it: Former chemist Yvette d'Entremont initially fell for some of the pseudoscience that she now works to debunk.

What's your goal?
To help people recognize the difference between real science and pseudoscience using relatable, funny language. And maybe some d—k jokes.

What food misinformation are you fighting?
People think certain foods are evil (gluten and dairy come to mind), that sugar is toxic (a little is fine, keep it within your caloric allowance and get your veggies first), and that GMOs are hurting the planet (I talk to farmers and scientists about this regularly — just no). If people with access to every type of food are scared into buying something that puts a budgetary strain on them, I'm trying to tell them there's science that says the marketplace is safe.

Are consumers getting more science-savvy?
Consumers have seen enough lawsuits on products like sneakers that claim to give you a nice butt, or herbal pills that promise weight loss. They want to know what they're buying. Does it mean they're more interested in science? I'm not sure if they want the science or the cost savings, but they're getting both.

Have you had any success bringing people over to a scientific point of view?
Rarely does a week go by without an email saying "I used to follow the Food Babe until your writing made me take a closer look." The best letter I ever received was from a father of two who said he started vaccinating his kids after reading my blog.

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JOHANNA SCHNELLER WHAT I'M WATCHING

'CNN, your unconscious bias is breathtaking'

THE SHOW: Post-U.S. presidential debate coverage (CNN)
THE MOMENT: The dramatically unequal airtime

"Let's talk about Hillary," says Jake Tapper, one of CNN's post-debate panellists, to entrepreneur Mark Cuban, a Clinton supporter. "Are you surprised Trump took her bait as often as he did? Do you think he had any strong moments?"

"Did you make eye contact with him?" asks panellist Dana Bash.

"You've known Donald Trump for a long time," says Wolf Blitzer.

I am levitating off my sofa in frustration. This is "talking about Hillary"?

According to CNN's own polling, Clinton trounced Trump, 62% to 27%. She soundly defeated him in every category they measure.

Yet in nearly two hours of post-debate coverage, CNN's panellists devote a mere 10 per cent of their time to discussing Clinton — and 90 per cent of that is in relation to Trump, the things she said to and about him. Discussion about the policies and ideas she raised? Zero.

Cameras follow Trump into the spin room and record the sound bites he didn't get to say in the debate. Time spent in Clinton's spin room? Zero.

Most importantly: Many panellists speculate if Trump was "presidential." Not one of them uses that word for Clinton.

Finally, at 12:15 a.m., Van Jones asks, "Can we talk about the things she did well?"

Hillary Clinton, seen here Tuesday, **was not described as 'presidential' by CNN pundits**, writes Johanna Schneller.
AFP PHOTO / BRENDAN SMIALOWSKI

He mentions that Trump interrupted Clinton 51 times in 96 minutes. Paul Begala says, "It took enormous discipline (for her) to not react to that."

And then host Anderson Cooper says, "We have to take a break."

When they come back, they talk about Trump.

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Flexibility, creativity key to Persian cuisine

RECIPE

Naomi Duguid's new cookbook offers 125 meals perfect for fall

Karon Liu
Torstar News Service

There's a mutual nervousness whenever I show a cookbook author a dish I'm making from their book. They're worried the recipe wasn't written clearly enough while I'm worried I didn't do the dish justice.

Either way, when Naomi Duguid looked at the uncooked lamb meatballs I made from her new book Taste of Persia (Thomas Allen & Son, $50), her first observation was the meatballs were too small.

No big deal. She proceeds to smash two of the meatballs to make one hefty, fist-sized kofta ready to be cooked. It's this theme of improvisation and flexibility that runs throughout the Taste of Persia.

Persia is a compendium of around 125 recipes Duguid collected, mostly from home cooks, during her half dozen trips or so to countries in the former Persian Empire: Iran, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia and Kurdistan.

"I want readers to feel a connection to the people of this region, and that's what I always try to do with my books — have that home cooking connection. Then when they read news about Iran they can visualize the kofta and the people behind it."

These delectable koftas can be made ahead of time and kept in the freezer. Simply add them to boiling broth and simmer for 30 minutes.

Lahich-Style Kofta Soup

Makes 10 appetizers or 5 generous servings.

Ingredients for the koftas:
- 3 coarsely chopped yellow onions
- 2 lbs ground lamb or beef
- 1 tsp (5 mL) ground ginger
- 1/2 tsp (2 mL) ground cinnamon
- 2 tsp (10 mL) salt
- 1 tsp (5 mL) ground pepper
- 1 cup (250 mL) jasmine or short-grain rice, rinsed and drained
- 2 tsp (10 mL) dried mint or 1/2 cup (125 mL) minced fresh cilantro
- 10-20 dried apricots

Directions for the koftas:

1. In a food processor, pulse onions until a soft mush. Add meat, ginger, cinnamon, salt and pepper. Blend until well incorporated. Transfer to mixing bowl. Add rice and herbs. Knead mixture with hands until well mixed.

2. Cover bowl with plastic wrap and refrigerate for at least 1 hour or overnight.

3. With moistened hands, form meatballs by scooping 1/2 cup of the meat (or 1/4 cup for smaller koftas) and rolling into a ball. Push a dried apricot into centre of kofta. Roll kofta back into a ball, sealing apricot in centre.

Ingredients for the soup:
- Water, for boiling tomato
- 1 large tomato
- 2 tbsp (30 mL) sunflower or olive oil
- 1 grated yellow onion
- 1/4 tsp (1 mL) ground turmeric
- 4 cups (1 L) water
- 1 cup (250 mL) canned chickpeas, drained and rinsed
- 4 to 5 medium-sized red potatoes, peeled and roughly cut into cubes
- Salt and pepper, to taste
- Fresh cilantro or mint leaves, for garnish

Directions for the soup:

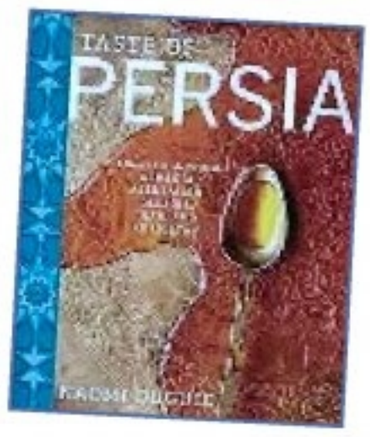
1. In a small saucepan over medium-high heat, bring water to a rapid boil. Score an "x" on bottom of tomato. Submerge tomato into water and let boil for 30 seconds. Drain and submerge tomato in a bowl of cold water. Peel and dice tomato into small chunks. Set aside.

2. In a large pot over medium heat, heat oil. Sauté onion and turmeric until fragrant, 3 to 4 minutes. Add tomato and cook for three minutes. Add water, turn heat up to medium-high and bring to a boil for 2 minutes.

3. Reduce heat to a gentle simmer. Add salt and pepper to taste. Add chickpeas and simmer for 20 minutes.

4. Bring liquid back to a roaring boil. Add potatoes and a few meatballs, do not overcrowd pot. Cover and reduce heat to medium. Simmer for 30 minutes, or until koftas are cooked.

5. Remove koftas with a ladle and cook remaining koftas, adding additional water if too much liquid evaporates. Divide koftas, potatoes and soup into serving bowls. Garnish with herbs, if using. Serve immediately.



A Taste of Persia is a compendium of recipes that author Naomi Duguid collected, mostly from home cooks, during her trips to countries like Iran, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia and Kurdistan. RANDY RISLING/TORONTO STAR

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Matt LeBlanc signs on to another two years of Top Gear

Out of Scion's ashes, Toyota 86 rises

REVIEW

The 86 is built with driving enjoyment in mind

Dan Ilika
AutoGuide.com

Like a Hellcat in the rain, Toyota's Scion failed to gain traction.

It wasn't, however, for a lack of enjoyable and affordable products, with a handful of solid offerings throughout the youth-oriented brand's lineup, including the FR-S coupe. It was back to the basics in a market flooded with anything but; an honest-to-goodness sports car in the purest sense. So as the death knell tolls for Scion, the FR-S lives on, rebadged as the 2017 Toyota 86.

As one of only three Scion models to be salvaged, the 86, née FR-S, gets a fistful of new goodies as part of its welcome to the Toyota lineup. Slight styling enhancements, including redesigned front and rear fascias, LED lighting all around, and a new 17-inch wheel design, while changes to the interior include a smaller steering wheel and synthetic suede trim.

Mechanically, the 86 gets a few minor tweaks, including revised spring rates and shock tuning, standard hill-start assist regardless of transmission choice to keep the car from rolling backwards, and new intake and exhaust manifold designs. And, like the Subaru BRZ with which the 86 shares its platform, manual versions of the 2.0-litre boxer four-cylinder-powered coupe get a modest five horsepower increase, and a boost in the torque department.

The 86 was built with the basics of driving enjoyment in mind. Brute power is not necessary to have fun in the Toyota 86, and so brute power isn't part of the package. Even with the slight bump in output, the car is the least powerful in its segment by a long shot. But that doesn't mean it isn't fun; quite the contrary, actually.

The 86 may lack power, but it makes up for it by being light. With a suspension setup that is neither too soft nor too stiff, the car can be tossed into a corner with little recoil, the thick sway bars keeping body roll to a minimum, the car poised for the next turn. Even with track mode engaged — and with it traction control turned off — the 86 offers plenty of road-hugging ability.

And then there are the transmissions. Both six-speeds, Toyota says the take rate on the automatic compared to the manual is about 60/40, which means 60 percent of buyers are missing out on almost 100 per cent of the fun. Sure, it doesn't take all the enjoyment out of the drive, but it definitely saps most of it, feeling unwilling to co-operate at times despite its rev-matching ways.

The Scion brand may be dead, but its youthful essence is alive and well in the 2017 Toyota 86. Sure, the fanboys and girls will complain about the lack of a turbocharged engine, but the coupe hits a sports car sweet spot that few others can match.

THE CHECKLIST | 2017 TOYOTA 86

THE BASICS

Engine: 2.0L flat four-cylinder
Power: 205 hp, 156 lb-ft (manual)
Transmission: Six-speed manual; six-speed automatic
Fuel Economy (L/100 km): 11.3 city, 8.3 hwy (manual)
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‘Blasphemous’ trends that people love

INNOVATION

These ideas ended up being huge successes

Jodi Lai
AutoGuide.com

Automakers, especially the ones that appeal to enthusiasts, have to hit a delicate balance of keeping their products innovative while not alienating or pissing off their faithful customers. Sometimes, automakers come out with a new car or technology that is a hit, while other times, traditionalists will whine and complain and go so far as to call these changes “blasphemous” … and then end up buying it anyway. Here are a few major changes that got a lot of hate when they were first announced, but ended up being huge successes.

SUVs from Sports Car Makers

Believe it or not, there was a time when sports car makers only made sports cars.

That changed with the crossover boom, and when Porsche came out with the Cayenne in 2002, for example, enthusiasts were up in arms about how the German automaker was selling out and said it would lead to the company’s demise. They said a Porsche SUV was blasphemous and that they would boycott it. The Cayenne quickly went on to become the brand’s best-selling model, outselling the 911 by a huge margin and spawning the smaller and popular Macan.

Today, storied luxury sports car makers like Aston Martin, Alfa Romeo, Jaguar, Maserati, Bentley, Rolls-Royce and even Lamborghini either have an SUV on sale now or have one in development.

Hybrid/Electric Sports Cars

Hybrids and green cars used to be thought of as transportation for granola-eating tree-huggers, so people generally thought hybrid/electric sports cars would make too many compromises and would ultimately fail — you can’t be green and fast at the same time, right?

How things have changed. Tesla has proven that electric cars don’t have to be boring or slow, and hypercars like the LaFerrari, Porsche 918 and McLaren P1 proved that hybridization can be used to bolster performance.

People were up in arms over the Porsche Cayenne when it came out in 2002, but it quickly became the company’s best selling model. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

Turbocharged Muscle Cars

It can be argued that muscle car admirers hang on to their traditions with more force than any other group of enthusiasts.

They want naturally aspirated, big-displacement, rear-wheel-drive cars that are fast in a straight line and they have historically been resistant to change.

Fast forward to today where consumers can now buy Camaros and Mustangs with turbocharged four-cylinder engines, and a Dodge Challenger with a supercharger.

Automatic Transmissions in High-Performance Cars

There was once a time when high-performance cars only came with manual transmissions in an attempt to draw in driving enthusiasts and weed out the poseurs who couldn’t drive stick.

The Volkswagen Golf R, Fiat 500 Abarth and Porsche GT3 are just a few examples of cars that were previously only offered with a manual that now have an automatic transmission in their lineup.

Sure, a manual is more engaging, but enthusiasts understand that many automatic transmissions are now faster than manuals and are better on gas.

> **“Many people are still in the camp that hates ‘coupe SUVs’ and ‘four-door coupes.’**

Coupe SUVs

Many people are still in the camp that hates “coupe SUVs” and “four-door coupes” because coupes should only have two doors!

Coupe SUVs have a raked roof design that makes them less practical versions of their donor vehicles, with less headroom, less cargo capacity, and a higher lift height. To many, their design is gaudy and the proportions are whack. Still, automakers love this trend and people continue to buy these automotive oddities.

BMW and Mercedes both have coupe SUVs, Porsche is expected to jump on the bandwagon with a “coupified” Cayenne, and you can be sure that Lamborghini’s upcoming SUV will do the same.

Tesla's 'enhanced safety requirement'

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TECHNOLOGY

Update improves autopilot system

Tesla is forcing its drivers to take the wheel following a software update aimed at improving the safety of the automaker's Autopilot system. In what the automaker is calling an "enhanced safety requirement," the car's computer will disable Autosteer if the driver "ignores repeated warnings" and won't allow the system to be reengaged until the car is parked. Tesla didn't say how many warnings the system would provide the driver before disabling the system. The changes to the self-steering system are part of a larger software update that emphasizes the use of radar over cameras when Tesla's semi-autonomous Autopilot system is engaged.

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CHEVROLET

New Equinox debuts with diesel option

Chevrolet is going to offer the segment's first turbo-diesel with the new 2018 Equinox. The available 1.6-litre turbocharged diesel four-cylinder engine joins the lineup. It is an all-new design that will deliver an estimated 136 horsepower. The 2018 Chevrolet Equinox will go on sale spring 2017 and the turbo-diesel engine will arrive in summer 2017.

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GENERAL MOTORS

BENTLEY

Fastest diesel SUV debuts

Bentley has introduced its first diesel model ever. Considering the gasoline-powered Bentley Bentayga claims the title of world's fastest and most powerful SUV, it's no surprise the Bentley Bentayga Diesel is also the world's fastest diesel SUV. Sporting a 4.0-litre triple-charged diesel V8 engine, the Bentayga Diesel delivers a class-leading 429 horsepower. JASON SIU/AUTOGUIDE.COM

BENTLEY

CLUBMAN

New MINI goes all wheel drive

The MINI John Cooper Works Clubman has been introduced with a new all-wheel-drive system. Sporting a turbocharged 2.0-litre four-cylinder engine, the new MINI John Cooper Works Clubman is the first model from the British automaker to combine the John Cooper Works performance enhancements with the new ALL4 all-wheel-drive system.

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HANDOUT

IN BRIEF

Audi A4 Only AWD sedan in its class to offer manual transmission

Not only will Audi be the only luxury manufacturer offering a manual sedan with standard all-wheel-drive in the A4's competitive segment, but its transmission also weighs almost 16 kilograms less and gets you to 100 km/h faster than the previous version. The new six-speed manual transmission has been redesigned to perform better and more efficiently, with the unit being more proficient at sending power to the front wheels in low gears.

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"I'm not sure there's any prospect of progress being made": NHL deputy commissioner Bill Daly on NHL participation at the 2018 Winter Olympics

Raptors don't care for expectations of others

NBA

Toronto club not taking improved East for granted

Funny thing, expectations. They are often external, as in the case of this year's Toronto Raptors, who began the real work of training camp Tuesday in Vancouver weighed down by the goals set for them by others.

They know what the whispers are, that they have to at least match last year's magical run to the NBA's Eastern Conference final, that the 56-win regular season is a benchmark many will expect them to match, that the season will somehow be a failure if there isn't some sort of progression from a year ago.

They know what the whispers are and they ignore them.

There are teams in the Eastern Conference who may be greatly improved over last season, and the Raptors know they survived two do-or-die Game 7s during the best playoff run in franchise history. They are under no illusions that they will automatically reach the levels of last season.

"We know what it takes to get there but we still have to start from the bottom," veteran guard Kyle Lowry said during the team's media day. "We have to work on this, and make sure we get this and build up our team.

"We're going to go through ups, we're going to go through downs, but at the end of the day, it's the NBA season, it's a marathon. For us, we have to be the best team we can be whenever the regular season ends, and get to the playoffs and go from there."

> **To me expectations in sports is winning; that's the mandate in sports.... It's all about winning.**
> President Masai Ujiri

And that realistic handling of expectations speaks to the veteran nature of this team; there are time-hardened players in charge despite the fact half the 20-man training camp roster is 25 years old or younger.

"We may not win as many games as we did last year but at the end of the day that could make us a better team going into the post-season and that's what we've got to keep in mind," guard DeMar DeRozan said. "We can't get caught up in comparing us to last year. Everything doesn't go as planned or as promised but as long as you understand the goal that's at the end of the road, that's all we're fighting for."

There are teams in the East who appear to have made major strides and DeRozan's assertion that 56 wins might not be attainable is bang on.

In the Atlantic Division alone, Boston added an anchor in Al Horford and New York would appear — on paper — to be vastly improved.

Meanwhile, Indiana retooled, Orlando added bits, Atlanta picked up Dwight Howard and Cleveland is, well, Cleveland.

There is a level of parity that could tighten the standings as the season unfolds and the Raptors, one of four teams left standing at the end of last season, are going to be targets more than they ever have been. Boston would love to unseat them as division champions, the Knicks have to be tired of being patsies, and the Magic, Hawks, Pacers and Detroit Pistons want what Toronto has.

"We recognize that it's going to be harder," team president Masai Ujiri said. "When you win a little bit, you become more of a target." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

DeMar DeRozan and Kyle Lowry
BERNARD WEIL/ TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

THE SPIRIT OF THE THING

Hanson Bro backs Canada

He's not a Canadian — he just sounded like one in the movies — but Steve Carlson still thinks it's Red and White before everyone else at the World Cup of Hockey.

Carlson, who played Steve Hanson, one of the famous goon brothers in 1977's Slap Shot, hadn't seen anything ahead of the start of World Cup final to make him believe the reigning Olympic champion Canadians could be toppled.

Steve Carlson ASSOCIATED PRESS

"No doubt Canada is by far the best team," the Virginia, Minn., native said over telephone on Monday. "Canada could put another team together and it would probably be Canada versus Canada in the final."

Carlson, who will be one of the celebrity participants for Saturday's Scotiabank Road Hockey to Conquer Cancer tournament, is pledging to bring the Hanson Brothers' brand of "old-time street hockey" to Toronto.

"We're going to be coaching, playing, meet and greets and hopefully getting into a couple of games and maybe get into a street brawl," Carlson said. "We'll definitely have the tinfoil out." METRO

QUICK Q&A

- **On the Hansons' road-hockey game:** When you have three great looking guys with all the talent in the world, how can you fail?
- **On working with film icon Paul Newman in Slap Shot:** He would teach us the acting side of a film, but he would also ask us about the coaching part of the game for his role.
- **On Team USA's failures in Toronto:** They had some good players, they just didn't click.
- **On "old-time hockey" vs. the more skill-based modern game:** I like watching a good fight once in a while ... you can have your skill but I like it once it gets into the playoff style of hockey.

MLB JAYS FLY HIGHER THAN O'S Blue Jays third baseman Josh Donaldson watches his two-run home run against the Orioles leave the yard on Tuesday night at Rogers Centre. Ezequiel Carrera hit a home run of his own and Aaron Sanchez struck out 10 batters in six innings of work as the Jays won 5-1. MARK BLINCH/THE CANADIAN PRESS

IN BRIEF

> **It's my own personal goal to be able to be greater than great.**
> LeBron James is openly admitting that his goal is to catch and surpass Michael Jordan to be considered the greatest of all time.

NHL CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

Gretzky takes on role of ambassador

Wayne Gretzky already planned to attend this season's Winter Classic, all-star game and Heritage Classic, so it was a no-brainer for the Great One when NHL commissioner Gary Bettman asked him to take an official role in the league's centennial celebration.

As the "ambassador" for the festivities, Gretzky returns to the NHL in an official capacity for the first time since 2009, when he served as part-owner, coach and head of hockey operations with the Phoenix Coyotes.

"I've always said this thousands of times: it's the greatest game in the world. Everything I have in my life is because of the National Hockey League and the game of hockey. So when the commissioner called me a couple months ago and asked me if I wanted to be involved I said 'Absolutely,'" Gretzky said Tuesday, sharing a stage with Bettman at Air Canada Centre. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Big Sam's big-time shame

INTERNATIONAL SOCCER

England coach canned after newspaper sting

Sam Allardyce lost his job as England manager on Tuesday after one match and just 67 days in charge, paying the price for damaging comments to undercover reporters that were deemed "inappropriate" by the English Football Association.

British newspaper The Daily Telegraph published video of Allardyce appearing to offer advice on how to sidestep an outlawed player transfer practice and also to negotiate a 400,000-pound ($519,000 US) public-speaking contract while talking to reporters posing as businessmen.

The FA acted swiftly, holding emergency talks with Allardyce in London before announcing the end of his short-lived tenure by mutual consent.

"In light of the media allegations that we've seen," FA chief executive Martin Glenn said, "we've concluded — and Sam's agreed — that his behaviour has been inappropriate and frankly not what is expected of an England manager."

Asked about how Allardyce had reacted, Glenn added: "I know personally that he is deeply, deeply upset and deeply regrets the error of judgement, but I also think that he understands why The FA has had to take this tough decision."

Sam Allardyce GETTY IMAGES

The 61-year-old Allardyce was hired to his dream job on July 22 and had a contract through 2018. He is the shortest-serving England manager.

Allardyce said he was "deeply disappointed" with the FA's decision.

"Although it was made clear during the recorded conversations that any proposed arrangements would need the FA's full approval," Allardyce said, "I recognize I made some comments which have caused embarrassment."

Gareth Southgate, the manager of England's under-21 side, will take charge of the senior team's next four matches — against Malta, Slovenia, Scotland and Spain — while the FA searches for a new coach. After opening World Cup qualifying with a victory in Slovakia, England plays Malta on Oct. 8 and Slovenia on Oct. 11.

The Telegraph published its undercover investigation in its Tuesday edition, under the front-page headline: "England manager for sale."

Allardyce met people he reportedly thought were representatives of an Asian firm. In a grainy, edited video, he is recorded as saying it was "not a problem" to circumvent FA rules that stop third parties from owning the economic rights of players. FIFA has banned third-party ownership as a threat to the game's integrity because investors force transfers to make a profit.

"You can still get around it," the former Sunderland and West Ham manager said in the recording. "I mean obviously the big money's here." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Islam Slimani heads in the Foxes' goal against Porto on Tuesday in Leicester, England.
IAN KINGTON/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

Leicester go 2-0

Islam Slimani kept up his hot streak against Porto by scoring Leicester's first-half goal in a 1-0 victory in the Champions League on Tuesday, maintaining the English champions' 100 per cent start to Group G.

The Algeria striker headed home from close range off a pinpoint cross by international teammate Riyad Mahrez in the 25th minute. It was Slimani's sixth goal in four games against Porto in 2016, with the other five coming for Sporting Lisbon in Portuguese soccer before his off-season move to Leicester.

Leicester opened group play with a 3-0 win at Club Brugge and is in good shape to advance to the knockout stage in its first-ever season in the Champions League.

"I am superstitious," said Ranieri, refusing to look too far ahead. "We have to stay calm."

Porto couldn't translate second-half dominance to goals at King Power stadium, with Jesus Corona smashing a volley against the post in the 83rd minute. The two-time European champions have one point from two games, and their winless run in games away to English opponents stretched to 17 games.
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RESULTS FROM MATCH DAY 2

- Borussia Dortmund 2, Real Madrid 2
- CSKA 0, **Tottenham 1**
- Din. Zagreb 0, **Juventus 4**
- **FC Copenhagen 4,** Club Brugge 0
- **Leicester 1,** FC Porto 0
- AS Monaco, Bayer Lev. 1
- Sevilla 1, Lyon 0
- **Sporting 2,** Legia Warsaw 0

MLS

TFC cagey on Seba status after Italy trip

Sebastian Giovinco wasted little time heading upstairs at Toronto FC's training facility after practice Tuesday, spryly taking steps two at a time.

Still the star attacker is questionable as Toronto FC prepare to host Orlando City Wednesday night. The 29-year-old Italian, who has been out since Aug. 27 with strains in his quadriceps and adductor, took part in a portion of practice Tuesday after returning from a weekend trip to Italy for treatment with his personal physician.

Sebastian Giovinco GETTY IMAGES

"He says he's feeling good," said coach Greg Vanney. "So now it's up to us to decide whether he'll play a factor in the game (Wednesday) or whether we hold off until the weekend. His trip back (to Italy) was a positive one."
THE CANADIAN PRESS

IN BRIEF

You don't win the Ryder Cup with your mouth.

Spanish golfer Sergio Garcia on Davis Love III's comment that the U.S has the "best golf team maybe ever assembled."

NFL

Kap critiques 'evil' presidential choices

San Francisco 49ers backup quarterback Colin Kaepernick, who has become a key figure in a growing protest against racial inequality, had a harsh assessment of Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump a day after the first presidential debate.

"To me, it was embarrassing to watch that these are our two candidates," Kaepernick said Tuesday. "Both are proven liars and it almost seems like they're trying to debate who's less racist.... You have to pick the lesser of two evils, but in the end, it's still evil."

Colin Kaepernick GETTY IMAGES

He also responded to Trump saying Kaepernick's anthem protest wasn't "a good thing" and that the athlete might want to find a different country.

Kaepernick said it was "a very ignorant statement."
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IN BRIEF

Pats ponder QB choices
Jimmy Garoppolo and Jacoby Brissett were both in uniform as the Patriots went back to the practice field on Tuesday.

Which one of them will be at quarterback when New England hosts Buffalo on Sunday remains a mystery.

Garoppolo missed last week's game against Houston with a throwing shoulder injury sustained on Sept. 18.

In his absence last week, the rookie Brissett successfully led New England (3-0) past the Houston Texans in his first career start, but sustained an apparent right thumb injury in the second half.
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Nats lose Ramos for 2016
The Washington Nationals' World Series hopes took a serious blow Tuesday when All-Star catcher Wilson Ramos was diagnosed with a torn ACL in his right knee.

Ramos is out for the rest of the season, including the playoffs, taking one of the most valuable players and a consistent power bat out of Washington's lineup. He was hitting .307 with 22 home runs and 80 RBIs and was one of baseball's best offensive catchers.
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Tebow nets two hits in tune-up game in Florida
Tim Tebow may have had his best day as a New York Mets prospect.

The 2007 Heisman Trophy winner and former NFL quarterback had two hits, scored a run and ended a three-inning game with a sliding grab Tuesday in his final tuneup before his instructional league debut. He is to play Wednesday against the St. Louis Cardinals' instructional club.

"I feel like every day I'm getting a little more comfortable," said Tebow, who singled in his last two at-bats of the simulated game. "It's great just to see live pitching and get live at-bats. I'm just getting a little bit better every day. That's the goal." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Tim Tebow GETTY IMAGES

Nothing but action from Jackson

NCAA FOOTBALL

Louisville star has vaulted himself into Heisman talk

Lamar Jackson doesn't mind being the centre of attention on the football field. In fact, he seems to thrive when the spotlight is brightest.

Off the field is a different story for the Louisville quarterback.

He doesn't like talking about himself but as his impressive play continues to draw rave reviews he understands that's the price of fame.

"You just have to stay humble," Jackson said Monday on a conference call with local and national media. "I just keep myself focused and try to prepare each week for our games."

25

Jackson has 25 TDs through four games.

Jackson's early play and video-game like statistics have catapulted him into the Heisman Trophy conversation and the Cardinals to No. 3 in the Top 25. The stage gets even bigger this week with Saturday's Atlantic Coast Conference showdown between Louisville (4-0, 2-0 ACC) and fifth-ranked Clemson (4-0, 1-0).

"He's done a nice job with it," coach Bobby Petrino said of Jackson's handling of the spotlight.

"We've tried to help him with that and get it to a place where he can handle more often what we ask him to do ... He's very mature with it. I think he's more comfortable talking and speaking, and we'll keep working with him on it."

He's already very comfortable on the field.

Jackson has passed for 1,330 yards and 13 touchdowns — including five against Marshall last Saturday — and rushed for 526 yards and 12 TDs. Louisville is averaging nearly 64 points per contest thanks to these gaudy numbers that don't surprise those who know him best.

"He's a freak athlete and he can fly," said Clemson starting linebacker Ben Boulware. "They do a bunch of funky formations to mess with your eyes. They like to incorporate him in the run game a lot, so you have to have an extra hat at the ball now to defend him. I feel like the defences have had a hard time adapting to that."

Louisville QB Lamar Jackson has been picking apart defences and learning to handle the spotlight. ANDY LYONS/GETTY IMAGES

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RECIPE Pumpkin Pasta with Ricotta and Sage

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Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

Don't let lattes have all the pumpkin fun, try fall's all-star veg in this creamy, delicious pasta.

Ready in 30 minutes
Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 20 minutes
Serves 4

Ingredients
- 500 g pasta
- 1 Tbsp olive oil
- 2 shallots, diced
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 Tbsp fresh chopped sage, plus more for garnish
- 1/4 cup ricotta
- 1 cup pumpkin purée
- 1 cup chicken broth
- fresh grated nutmeg to taste
- Salt to taste
- 1/4 cup water
- 1/2 cup Parmesan cheese, plus more for garnish

Directions
1. Cook the pasta according to package directions. Once the pasta has reached al dente, reserve 1/4 cup of the cooking water and drain the rest.
2. While your pasta is cooking, heat olive oil in a large skillet over medium heat. Add the shallots, garlic and sage and cook until tender, about 5 to 7 minutes. Add the ricotta, pumpkin purée, chicken broth, nutmeg and a pinch of salt; stir until combined.
3. Stir in the pasta and coat with the sauce. Add reserved pasta water to thin the sauce to desired consistency. Mix in the Parmesan cheese.
4. Serve the pasta with a sprinkling of Parmesan cheese and chopped sage.

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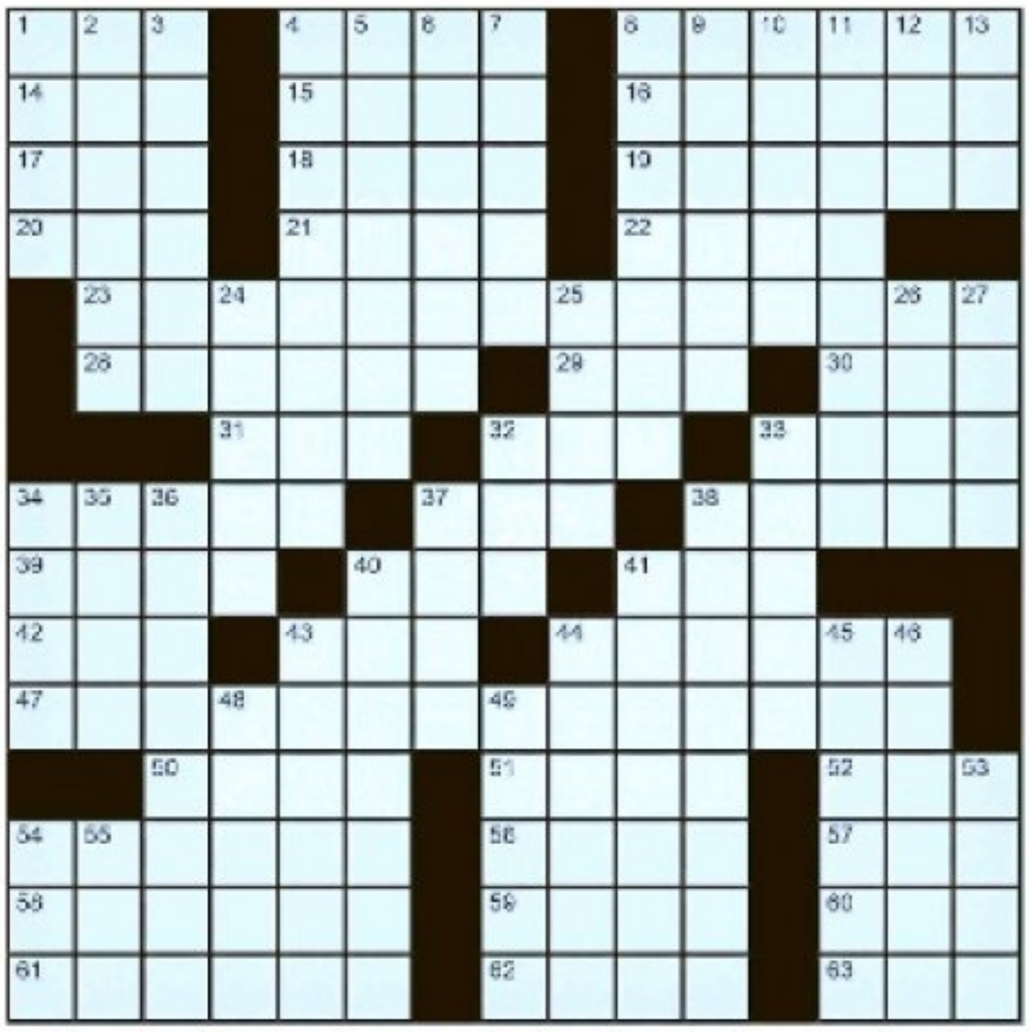

ACROSS
1. Universal principle
4. "_ Las Vegas" (1964)
8. Green-on-copper
14. MLB official
15. '70s superheroine ancient Egyptian goddess TV series
16. Sounded off
17. Spelling contest
18. Missing laundry item
19. Like a deposited river
20. Ms. Jillian
21. Whodunit board game
22. Mr. Meyers
23. Celebrated Cambridge couple currently in Canada: 3 wds.
28. Enemy of ancient Athens
29. "_ _ Mine" by The Beatles
30. Fluffy scarf
31. Actress Charlotte
32. Physicians, puny-ly
33. Vera of fashion design
34. Model of perfection
37. Green gunk
38. Cleaning cloth's characteristic
39. Pinball infraction
40. Boo-_
41. Tina of comedy
42. Nightfall
43. Soup sort
44. Inclines
47. As per #23-Across... _ _ of Yukon History (Stop in Whitehorse today ...More at #50-Across!)
50. As per #23-Across and #47-Across... Royal _ of Canada
51. Turns to compost
52. Floor covering
54. Officer in "A Few Good Men" (1992)
56. Merle Haggard's "_ from Muskogee"
57. US medicine watchdog
58. X- and Y- in math class
59. Shelters
60. Baby bird's birthplace
61. School break
62. Work units
63. Actor, Billy _ Williams

DOWN
1. Orchestra standout
2. Makes right
3. Divulge the details: 2 wds.
4. Intuitive
5. Sequester
6. Llama-like woolly animal
7. Called for
8. Arboreal marsupials
9. For each one
10. Farmland
11. A sure thing: 3 wds.
12. Society pages word
13. What a calculator can do
24. Gold measurement, variantly
25. "White Flag" songstress
26. "Your _" by Elton John
27. Like a herbalist's advice?
32. Bovine's bellow!
33. Garth's Canadian-created pal in movies
34. Newspaper piece
35. Prima donna
36. 'E' of GE
37. Incite
38. Appraise anew
40. Paris Hilton, for one
41. Grooves in architectural columns
43. Trims
44. Cigarettes purchaser
45. Covered in sods, like the yard
46. Eyeliner error
48. Idaho's capital
49. Wear, weather-style
53. _ Park, in Hamilton
54. Scratch
55. Tree tool

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
Confusion at work might get you in trouble with an authority figure today. To be safe, double-check all of your work before you show it to others.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Children might be an increased responsibility today. Perhaps because of this, some kind of confusion will create a problem. Make sure you know what's happening.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Family discussions might be stressful today. You can't please everyone. Don't be dishonest to avoid conflict, because it will only make things worse.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
You might second-guess yourself today because you're not sure about something. Unfortunately, a boss at work won't like this. Tread carefully!

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Be careful how you handle financial matters today, because some kind of confusion or deceit is possible. This especially applies to social situations, sports events and dealing with children.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Life is hard today; it's just one of those things. Fortunately, it's temporary and will be gone in 24 hours. Therefore, don't be discouraged. Stay calm and carry on.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
One reason there might be some confusion in your life today is because someone is not telling the truth. If you think something looks suspicious, it is.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Relations with a friend or a member of a group are strained today, possibly because of money matters or a possession you own. Make sure you have your facts right.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
This is a poor day to ask a boss or parent for a favour or approval. Postpone this kind of thing for another day. Hard work is your best choice today.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Do not be cocky in matters related to politics, religion or racial issues today. Something you don't know about could blindside you. If you're not sure about something, stay silent. Assume nothing.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Double-check all financial matters and negotiations dealing with shared property, inheritances and jointly held possessions.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
You have to accommodate others today. Nevertheless, make sure everything is above board and on the up and up, because something is fishy.

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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